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Mr. Ed Smith
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2011 Diversion for the Palo Verde Irrigation District (District)

Dear Mr. Smith:

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417, this letter provides the District with the Bureau of Reclamation's determination regarding the District's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2011.

Water rights for lands located within the District are based on the California Seven-Party Agreement of 1931, which establishes a priority system for delivery of Colorado River water to California water districts. The District has a right to sufficient water to satisfy a Priority 1 right to irrigate up to 104,500 acres of land located in the Palo Verde Valley and a Priority 3(b) right to irrigate up to 16,000 acres of land on the Lower Palo Verde Mesa.

Based upon review of factors related to the diversion estimate provided by the District, Reclamation approves the diversion of up to 811,410 acre-feet of Colorado River water for use in the District's service area for 2011. This diversion approval results in an estimated consumptive use of 335,731 acre-feet for calendar year 2011.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2011 in an effort to ensure the entitlement of each authorized user is not exceeded. Beginning in February 2011, these projections will be available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's web site: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast11.pdf. It is expected that California entitlement holders will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities.

Thank you for submitting the District's diversion estimate for 2011. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,

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